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Investments under Make in India
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of space is planning to attract investments from private players under Make in India initiative;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Department is looking to undertake lateral hiring to meet the shortage of skilled professionals in space agencies;
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(e) whether the Government has looked into the issue of creating an Aerospace command to link civilian applications with military application; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) The space systems, products and services dealt in pursuance of space activities are of high technology & strategic in nature and hence, these are highly restricted for collaborations. Under these circumstances, attracting investments under the envelope of 'Make in India' in space activities generally experience difficulties in practice. However, Department of Space (DOS) has chosen the path of indigenisation of high technology systems and has been successful in realisation. Due to stringent requirements of space qualified systems, long gestation period for realisation, DOS has been engaging the Indian industry with appropriate support in indigenisation and production efforts.
Commensurate with the scope of space activities and increased demands for space based services in the country, DOS has taken initiatives to achieve higher levels of participation of Indian industry in space activities.

(c)&(d) Presently, DOS does not look for any lateral induction of specialists from space agencies. However, a mechanism exists in ISRO to provide lateral induction to those Indian citizens, possessing Ph.D qualification and who are working in India / foreign countries in specific areas of expertise, which are of relevance to the Indian Space Programme through assessment of individuals' technical competencies. For the present, no such provision has been made for non-Ph.D holders, evincing interest to come back to India to pursue career in Space.

e) Department of Space is mandated for harnessing the benefits of space technology for national development.

f) Does not arise.

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